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Department of State,
Washington, June 11, 1880.

A. London Snowden, Esq.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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I am, Sir, Your obedient servant.

John Hay
Assistant Secretary.

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Asst Secretary

Modified design
of ship wreck
medal to foreign
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copper ^{to be} sub-
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